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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/593,973	Applicant(s) WINKELMAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Wayne Amsbury	Art Unit 2161	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 June 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 June 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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CLAIMS 1-5 ARE PENDING

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DuFresne, US 5,835,712, 10 November 1998.

DuFresne is directed to rendering database name/value pairs [COL 3 lines 56-59] using a source template to format the display [COL lines 17-39]. In more detail:

As to **claims 1, 3, and 4**, FIG 6 depicts a system for outputting formatted information. An input file is sent from the database **64**. The recipe text file comprising a plurality of formatting descriptors linked to name/value pairs is the HTML input form **62**. The nature of the link is set forth at COL 3 line 60 to COL 4 line 16, where a template corresponds to the formatting descriptors, and **62** is a content database. The HTML tags of the template are executable objects [COL 3 lines 14-41; claim 28 lines 18-23]. The resulting display **66** is a rendering on request of the client **61**. Both the tags and data can be modified, and one explicit form of this is the use of tag extensions [COL 3 lines 4-14].

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2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DuFresne, US 5,835,712, 10 November 1998 and Wilz, Sr. et al (Wilz), US 6,394,354, 28 May 2002.

DuFresne does not explicitly teach that the output of his system is rendered as a label. Wilz is directed to an internet-based system for managing packages that prints as well as reads URL-based labels [COL 4 lines 25-31; lines 52-60; COL 5 lines 19-34; COL 26 lines 13-32]. Wilz does not address the formatting process as set forth in claims 1 and 3 as a primary objective of his system, but does specify the use of web browsers for user interfaces [FIG 5].

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As noted above, an object of Wilz is to print URL-encoded bar code symbols in such a way that they can be read and automatically connect a client to a web site [COL 4 lines 25-31]. This is clearly a Web application for which the system of DuFresne is suitable. See BACKGROUND, particularly COL 1 line 42 and after in DuFresne. It **would have been obvious** to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the system of DuFresne to the label creation of Wilz in order to exchange information over the Internet, in particular the location of a web site as required by Wilz.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wayne Amsbury whose telephone number is 571-272-4015. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6-18:30 FIRST WEEK.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 571-272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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